

# **Muktuk missing at feast**

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## **Whaling Equipment**

"Whalers need better equipment," Mr. Thomas Brower said.

If the town had one or two good sized boats with the power weapons on the boats with attached lines to the harpoon, they probably could get the whales that way.

At the meeting in the fire hall, I told them last spring, Dr. Henry Forbes took me down to Massachusetts and met a man who planned to make the weapon for the whales. It's like a bazooka.

I told this man we lost several wounded ones lots of times and need to have better equipment, which can be used here for whales. Not only here, but all along the coast.

Last Inupiat meeting in Kotzebue, Oct. 18-20, Dr. Forbes told him all they needed is a rope

attached to the harpoon rod.

He said this person is using experimental equipment and probably will have them this coming season, we hope.

## **Muktuk missing**

Attendance at the Thanksgiving feast was over 600 people in the Presbyterian Church. We don't know how many were over at the Assembly of God Church.

Important food the Eskimos like most to eat was missing from the table. Of course, there is little left here, but not enough.

What I mean is muktuk.

## **Keep Culture**

Let's all not forget what our great grandfathers told us, how we should live, hunt and Eskimo dance that we don't want erased at all.

People, we mustn't forget all these things. Let's keep them.

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